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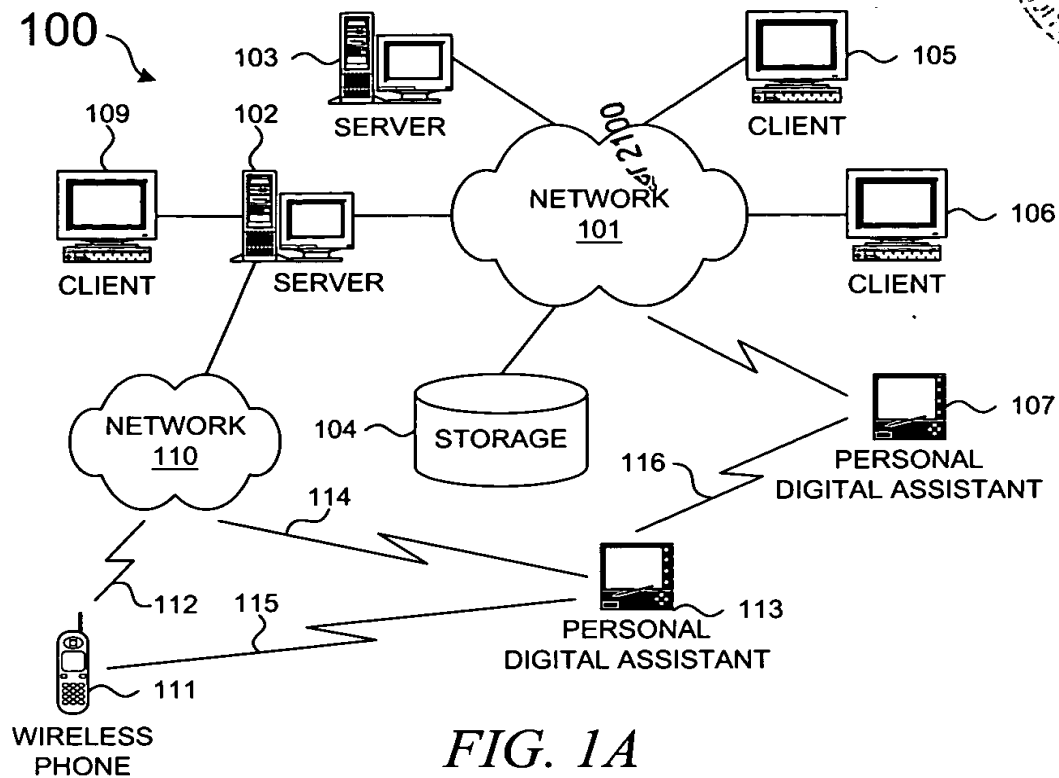
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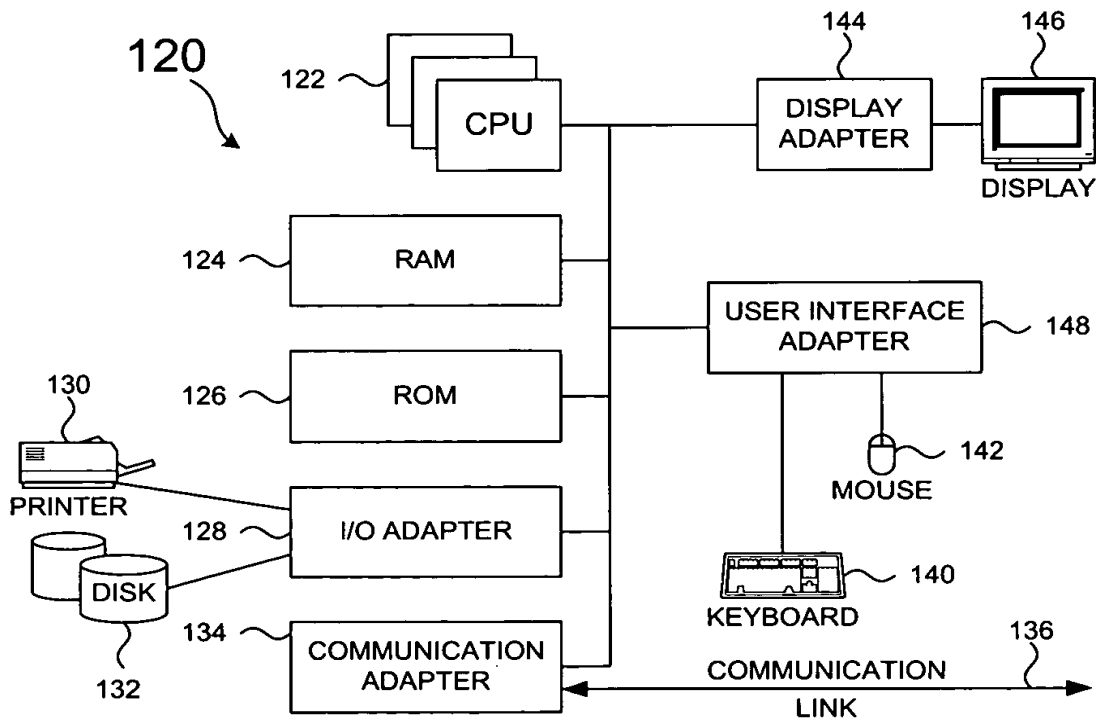
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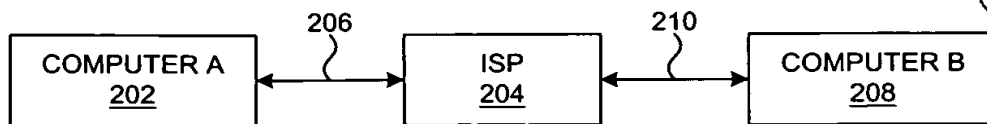


**FIG. 1A**  
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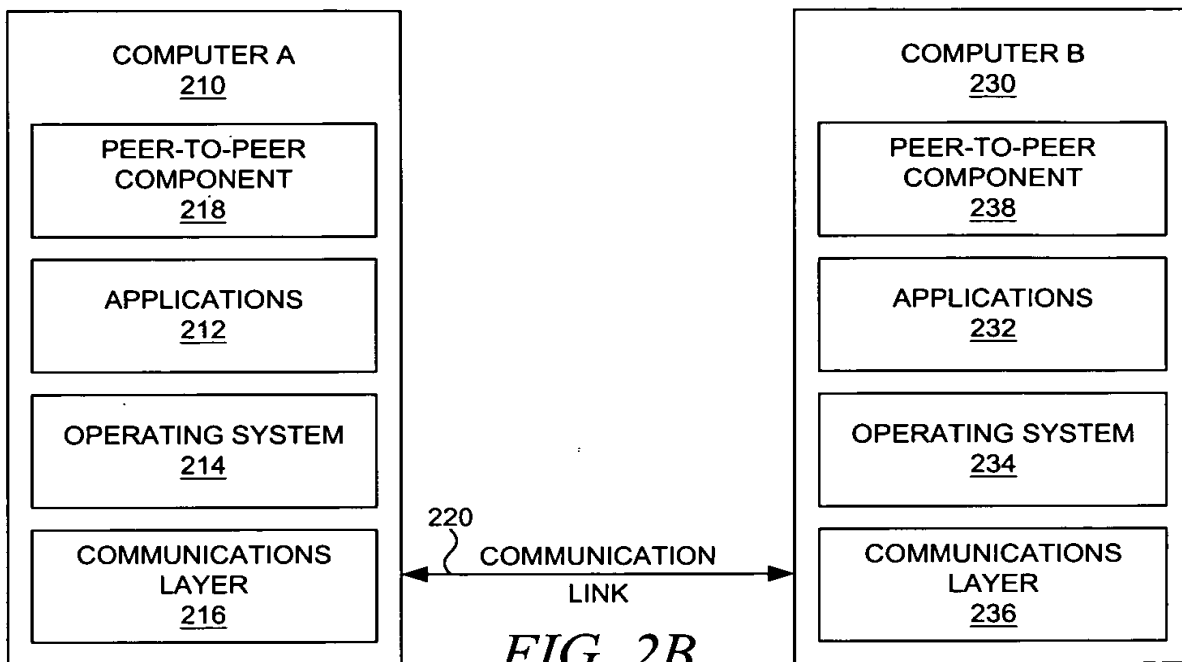


**FIG. 1B**  
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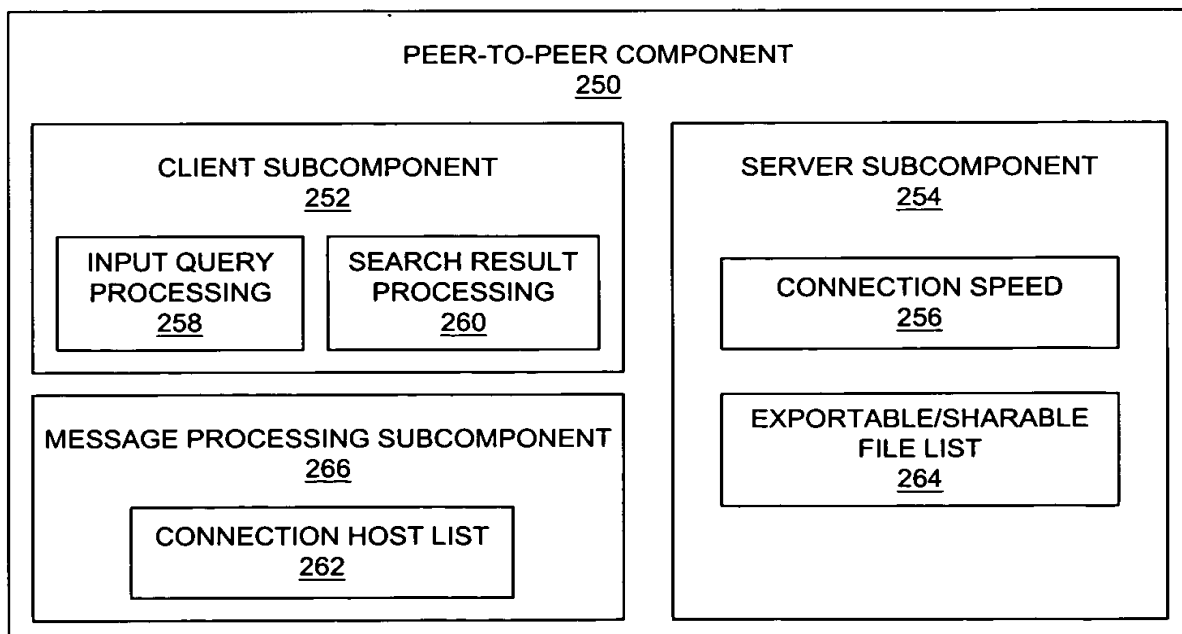
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**FIG. 2A**  
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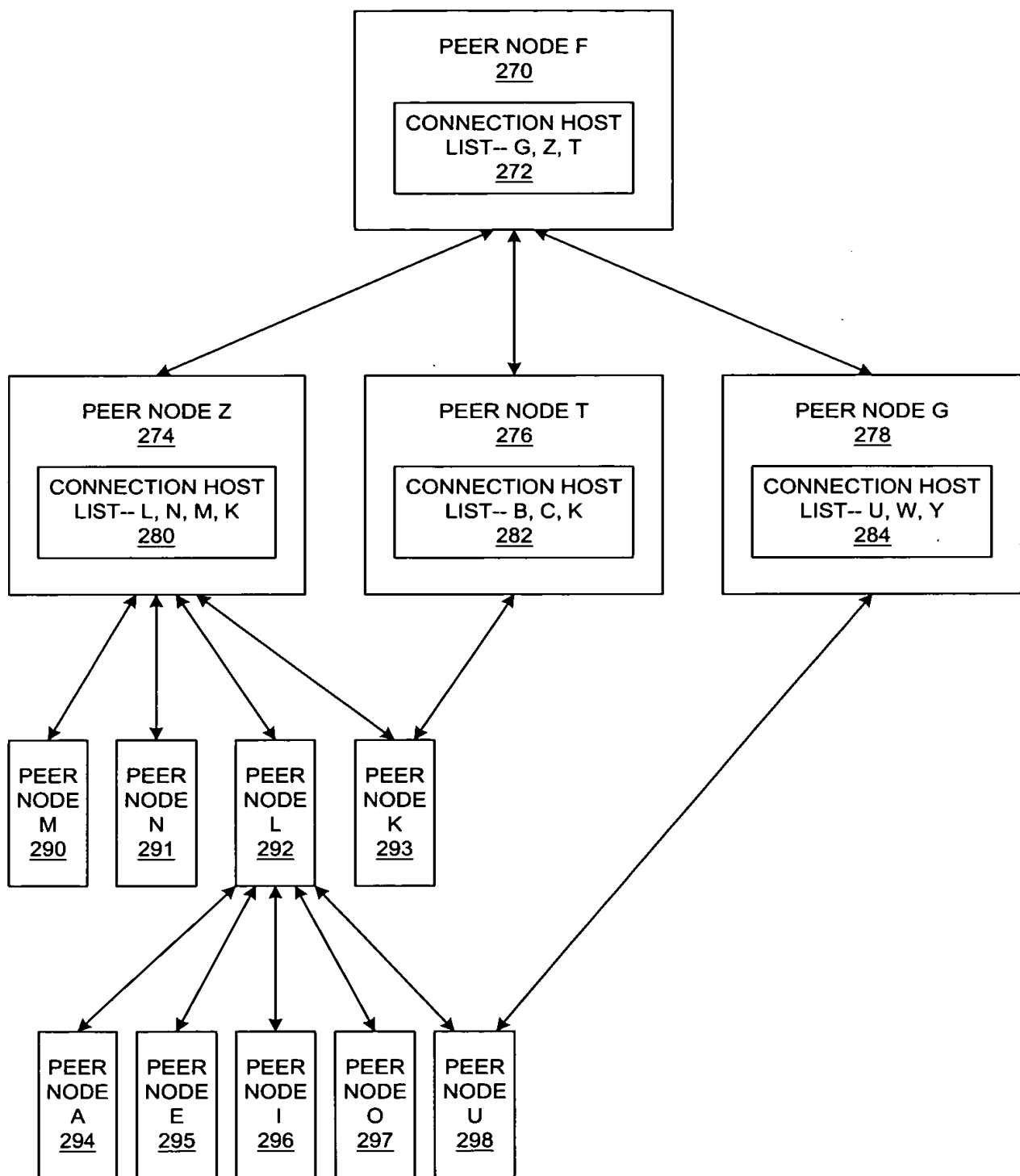


**FIG. 2B**  
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**FIG. 2C**  
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*FIG. 2D*  
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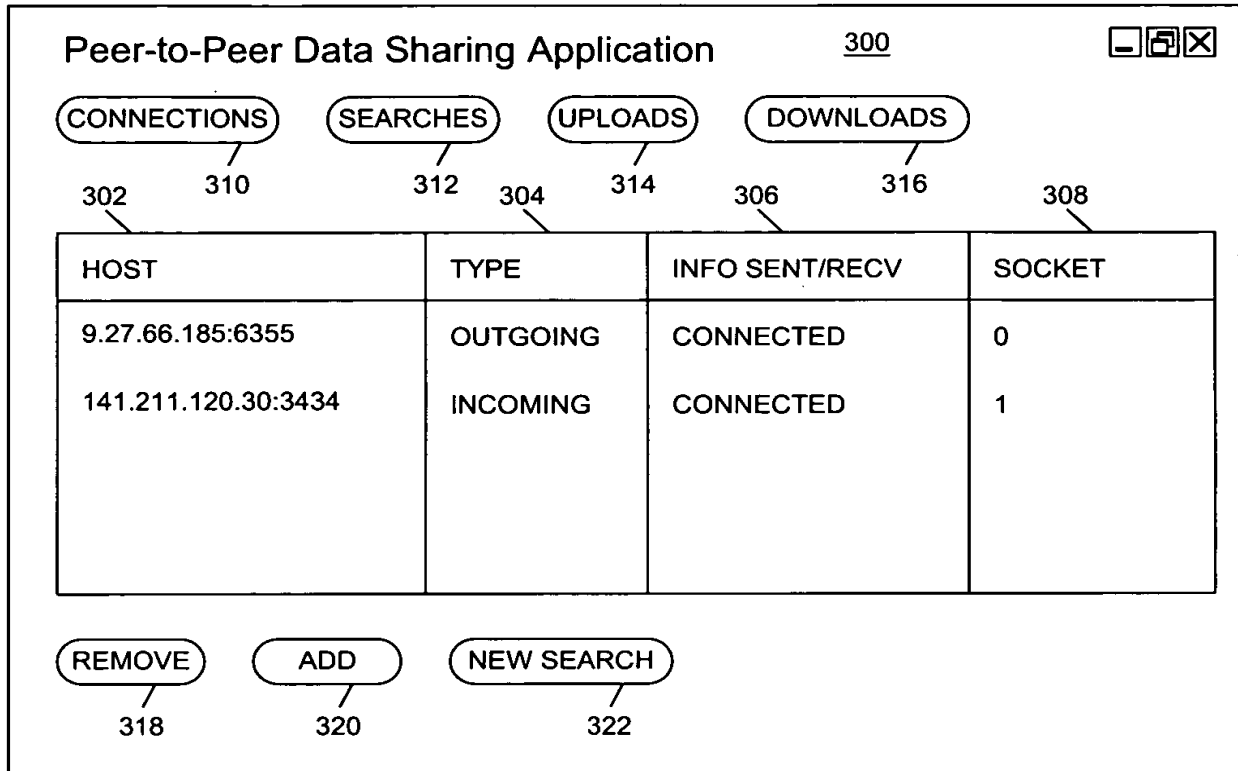


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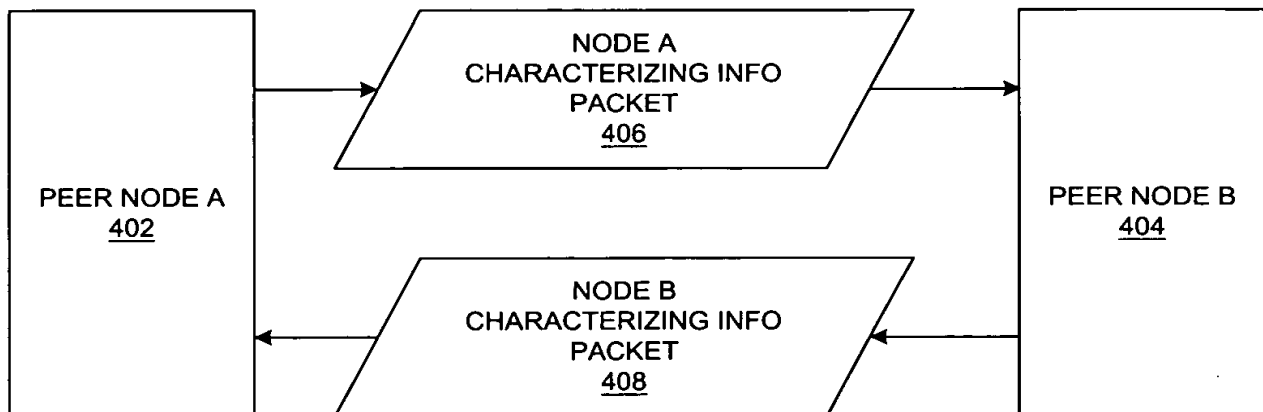


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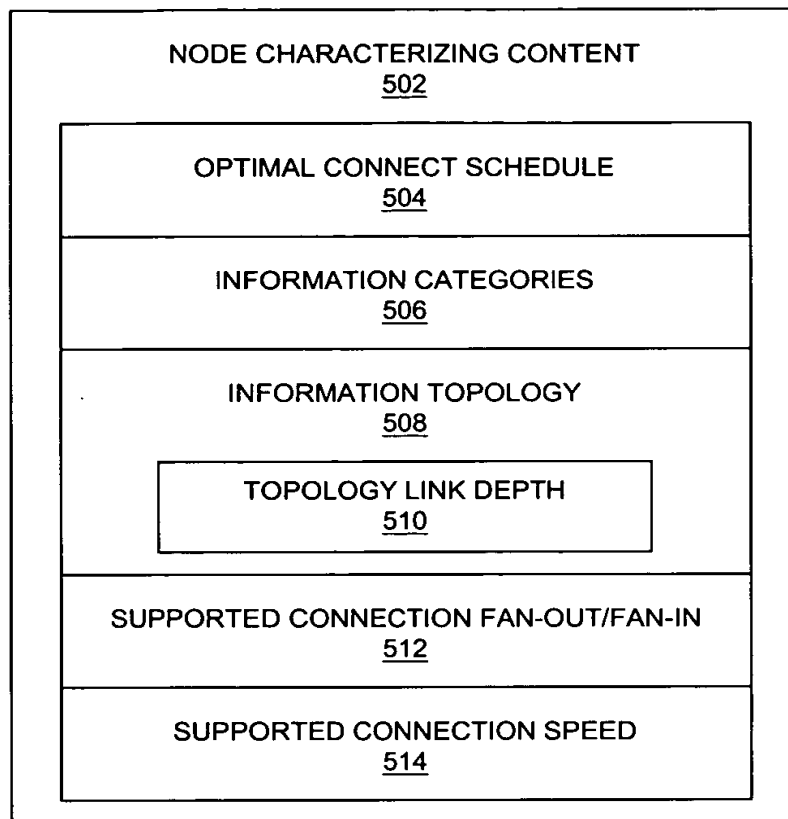


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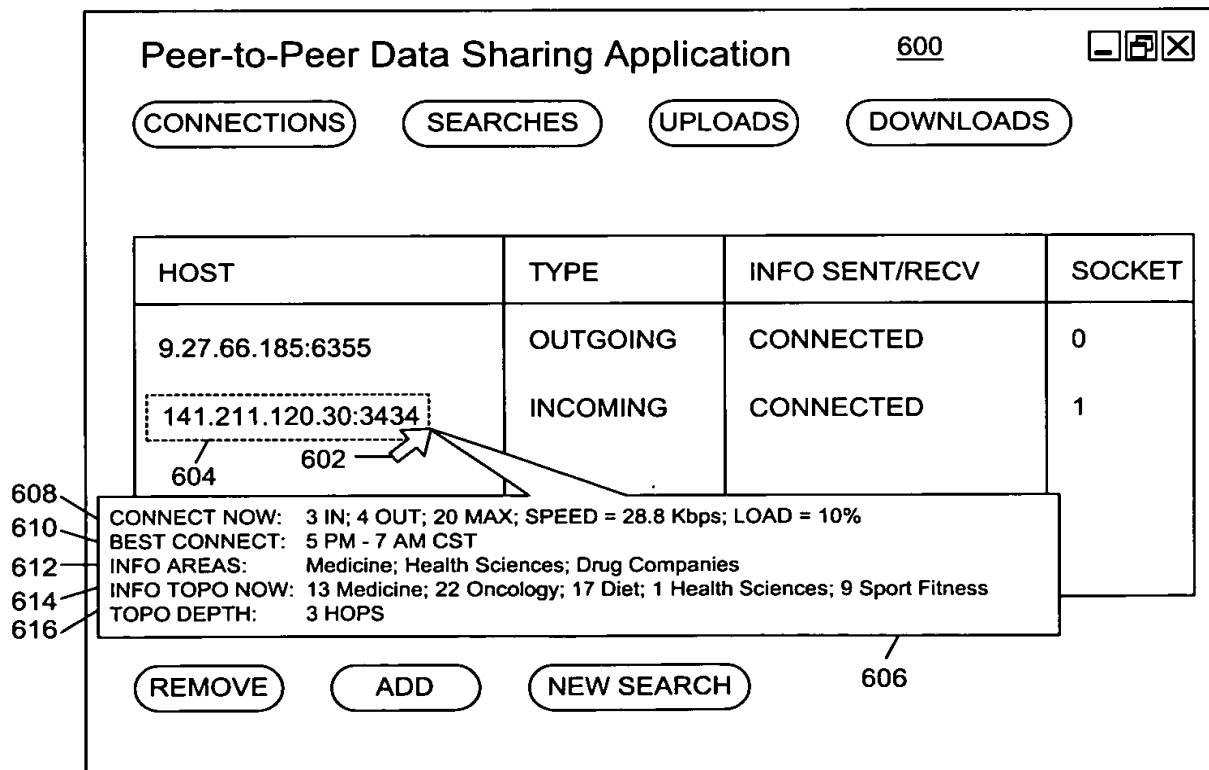
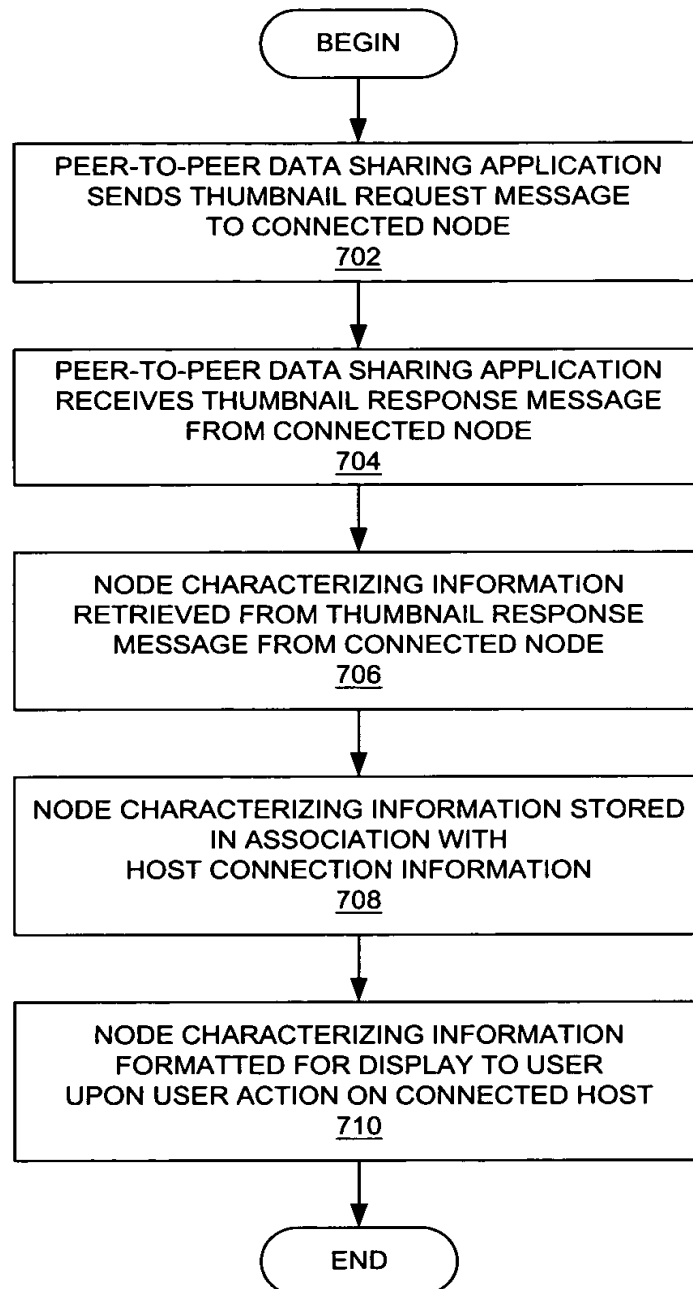


FIG. 6

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*FIG. 7*